

Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)
Meeting of February 16, 2021



1. **Roll Call**

Chair David Akin called the full IROC meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared. Attendance is reflected below:

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
David Akin, Chair	X	
Tiffany Mittal, Vice Chair	X	
Christopher Dull	X	
Gordon Hess	X	
Jeff Justus	X	
Jack Kubota	X	
Luis Osuna	X	
Jim Peugh	X	
Linh Quach	X	
<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>		
Jerry Jones, Metro JPA	X	
Jim Peasley, Metro JPA Alt.		X
Tony Heinrichs, City-10		X

Some of the City representatives present included: Shauna Lorance (Director of Public Utilities), Lisa Celaya (Assistant Director), and Christine Leone (Chief Deputy City Attorney).

2. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from Meeting of January 19, 2021** – David Akin, Chair

ACTION: Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Member Hess to approve with minor edits. Second by Vice Chair Mittal. Member Dull, Member Osuna, and Member Quach abstained. Motion passed with 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstained.

4. **Chair Updates** – David Akin, Chair

- Chair Akin asked each member to provide a background about their roles and the individual class of customers they represent. In addition, he updated the members regarding his meeting with Director Lorance and Vice Chair Mittal. They discussed the roles of IROC and requested for the presentation/discussion information to be provided to them in advance of future meetings, so they will have time to review and prepare to have meaningful input.
- Chair Akin discussed scheduling meeting with the Mayor to get feedback about IROC moving forward. He mentioned Director Lorance is committed to working with the Mayor’s Office to set-up a meeting regarding IROC.

5. **Mayor and Council Staff Comments** – Ally Berenter, Program Manager

- Provided an overview on the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II Federal Regulation Permit Renewal.

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6. **PUD Updates** – *Shauna Lorange, Director of Public Utilities*

- Announcement regarding the storm in Texas and the impact on PUD's network.
- Introduced new employee, Adam Jones, Deputy Director.
- Director Lorange provided an update regarding a meeting with the Executive Team and reviewing possible areas that maybe impacted by proposed budget cuts.

7. **Discussion: AMI Q&A** – *Shauna Lorange, Director of Public Utilities*

- Discussed new implementation plans.
- New proposals, setting up contract, and start/finish timelines.
- Financial cost.

8. **Presentation: IWCP Cost Recovery Update** – *Lisa Celaya, Assistant Director of Public Utilities*

9. **Discussion: IROC Members' Backgrounds** – *David Akin, Chair*

- Chair Akin asked each member to provide a background about their roles and the class of customers they represent. He suggested for the members to provide their background information within two weeks of receiving his template.
- IROC Members are looking forward to sharing their backgrounds with the new Mayor and/or new City Council Members.

10. **Discussion: Adopt FY20 IROC Annual Report and Recommendations** – *David Akin, Chair*

- Chair Akin recommended resubmitting last year's report with a new cover/transmittal letter and some new updates.
- Chair Akin will send a draft to the Ad Hoc Committee for review and recommendations.

11. **City 10 County Water Authority Update** – None.

12. **Metro JPA Report Out** – None.

13. **Proposed Agenda Items for Upcoming IROC Meetings** – *David Akin, Chair*

- Chair Akin asked Director Lorange if PUD will be ready for the Ad Hoc Committee and Stantec Consultant to meet to discuss the COSS.
- Director Lorange will meet with the Mayor's Office on 2/17/21 to discuss setting up Ad Hoc Committee either later February or early March.

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14. **IROC Members' Comments** – *IROC Members*

- Proposed agenda items carried over from the August 2020 minutes:
 - Lake Hodges Condition Assessment Update.
 - Chollas Operations Center Update.
 - Chollas Operations Center Tour.
 - Customer Support Division Call Center Update.
- Proposed agenda items carried over from the October 2020 minutes:
 - COSS – Rate Structures.
 - Update on Outstanding Performance Audits (with a dashboard to track the status of each audit).
 - Members expressed interest in having subcommittee meetings to address the Work Plan items.
- Proposed agenda items carried over from the November 2020 minutes:
 - Vice Chair Mittal would like for the COSS item to be added to the next agenda.

15. **Meeting adjourned: 2:14 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Portia Bell